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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/665,663 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>HAMILTON ET AL. |  |
|                              | <b>Examiner</b><br>Daniel Zirker     | <b>Art Unit</b><br>1771                |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 1-5 and 7-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, the Examiner respectfully notes that applicants' Response appears to have both improperly traversed the present existing rejections, while also adding a couple of additional informalities to the claims.

In claim 1, paragraph "d" second line "secondary function" should be --secondary functional element--, and claim 9, line 2 (i.e., "at least one") also needs to be revised.

As to the response regarding the previously pointed out rejections which the Examiner again respectfully adheres to, it must also be pointed out the applicants' contention "that since adhesive is claimed as an element that is distinct from the secondary functional element....adhesive is excluded from being the secondary functional element" is respectfully not agreed with. Additionally, the Examiner must also note that nowhere have applicants set forth where "chemical means" and "physical means" are described in the specification (Response, page 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> complete paragraph), and the term "first active side" still fails to find any sort of proper support, as the incorporation by reference of support for this particular claimed phrase from a cited US patent appears to have been improperly done (see below).

3. The incorporation of essential material in the specification by reference to an unpublished U.S. application, foreign application or patent, or to a publication is improper. Applicant is required to amend the disclosure to include the material

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incorporated by reference, if the material is relied upon to overcome any objection, rejection, or other requirement imposed by the Office. The amendment must be accompanied by a statement executed by the applicant, or a practitioner representing the applicant, stating that the material being inserted is the material previously incorporated by reference and that the amendment contains no new matter. 37 CFR 1.57(f).

4. The attempt to incorporate subject matter into this application by reference to US patent 6,194,062 is ineffective because mere citation of the patent, without more, in the specification is inadequate to incorporate by reference into the claims the otherwise non disclosed subject matter describing the newly presented and nowhere disclosed term "first active side", applicants comments to the contrary notwithstanding.

5. Claims 1-5 and 7-19 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, substantially for the reasons set forth in Paragraph No. 4 of Paper No. 032806, together with the following additional observations. More particularly, as regards the new matter issue involving the phrase, "disposed upon, and integral with", in addition to what has been previously stated the Examiner sees no support existing in the first and second paragraphs of page 3 of the specification for this phrase, and particularly for the word "integral", applicants' arguments to the contrary notwithstanding (Response, page 5, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph).

6. Claims 1-5 and 7-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamilton et al '633, substantially for the reasons set forth in paragraph No. 5 of Paper No. 032806, together with the following additional observations. Note again, in

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addition to what has been previously stated, that porous storage wrap articles which can release "secondary functional elements" through their pores are clearly both taught and also rendered obvious by the reference, applicants' comments to the contrary notwithstanding.

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

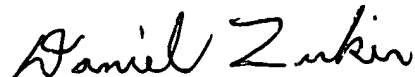
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Zirker whose telephone number is 571-272-1486. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 8:30 to 6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris, can be reached on 571 - 272 - 1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Zirker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.